

TRING SQUASH CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021

1. ATTENDED BY

Mark Bullard (MB), Joanne Preston (JP), Matt Duncan (MD), Keith Warman (KW), Katie Winterstein (KW), Merril Trueman (MT), Peter Barham (PB), Chas Lefevre (CL).

The minutes of the previous were approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jan Kerry (JK), Joni Duncan (JD), Paul Armstrong (PA), James Walton (JW), Jon Slade (JS)

3. MATTERS ARISING

MB reviewed subs renewal on MMM has been updated

- Anyone rejoining in May (whose subscription lapsed) will pay for a year from when they renew
- For October renewals, there will be a discount for members who have had continuous membership to ensure that those members who rejoined last October are compensated for the period when the club was closed
- Multi year subscriptions will have manual adjustments to reflect time lost.

New honours boards are now up in the club.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A – CHAIRMAN

May 17 – lockdown has been relaxed and normal play on the squash courts is now allowed. Seating (up to 6) in the bar/lounge is also now allowed.

Discussion was held regarding the new rules and what is allowed. The majority of committee concurred that the club should allow what is permitted by the government and England Squash guidelines and it is up to individual players to determine what they were comfortable with. It was noted that KW suggested that there should be more caution with a slower ramp up to starting the leagues and resuming the pre-COVID court timings until at least 21st June.

Ventilation time requirements between court bookings has been taken away, MD to adjust booking system when feasible.

Leagues and club night (limited to allowable numbers) will be brought back when feasible.

Balcony to be opened within limited numbers as required by England Squash/government guidelines.

October subscriptions – MB proposed that if we remain open, 50% discount to subs are offered to continuous renewing members. To be discussed / confirmed at a future

committee meeting. We need to determine whether England Squash fees are payable or not.

Sport England Return to Play grant received – activities have been listed on MMM to determine interest. Once dates have been set, further details to be issued to all members detailing what each course will cover.

Ladies coaching – committee were happy to have all 4 courts booked over the quiet summer period for ladies coaching from 7:40 onwards.

Club championships – MB has spoken to Malcom Newton regarding holding the 2021 championships later in the year. Potentially in September 2021. MB to continue the conversations with Malcolm.

Euros and Lions tour (latter is exclusively on Sky so may not be playable at the club). Questions have been asked whether the TV can be replaced – it was previously agreed a while ago MD to pick up with JS who has previously researched it. Committee were happy with a reasonable budget (~£500/£600).

2022 is the 50th anniversary of the club moving to Cow Lane. Committee agreed that we should have a celebration potentially outdoors in summer 2022.

PSC – Friday 4th June there is a film crew using the car park.

B – TREASURER

PB presented the quarterly accounts to the end March 2021. The club was closed so the only income for the period was Covid 19 grants (£16.5k during the quarter). There was £14.5k of overheads which generated a profit of £2.6k after adjustments. The main overheads were:

- £3.5k repairs and maintenance (mostly the new honours boards)
- £4.6k wages

YTD, profit of £601, with the loss of income covered by the Covid grants to leave the club neutral for the period. In the same prior year period we had a profit of £6.4k.

£167k cash in bank currently.

£12.5k of additional Covid grants received recently which will fall into the 4th quarter numbers. Over £60k has been received in total. KW questioned whether we should give the money back given the cash in the bank but given the profit is breakeven the committee wasn't in favour.

C – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership figures are as of 10th May:

Adult – 193

Junior/Students – 54

Social – 29

Life – 26

Total - 302

25 subscriptions paid (new/renew) since the beginning of April. Lets hope with the courts now fully open it will generate more subscriptions.

D – SECRETARY

No report.

5. TEAM REPORTS:

Men's Captain –

No report

Ladies' Captain –

No report.

6. JUNIOR REPORT

Junior Assistant Coaching costs – discussed at the last meeting, KWi presented numbers as requested at the last meeting. Proposal presented was for a junior assistant coach at a rate of £7/hour before getting the Level 1 England Squash Level 1 and £10/hour post getting the course. Minimum age of 16 (as required for the England Squash course). Proposed maximum age of 19.

Committee had a discussion regarding the support of junior members through this scheme which benefits the club. Committee were happy with the proposal and KWi will look.

7. OTHER REPORTS –

House –

Not a significant amount done, maintenance kept up.

Kitchen painting finished.

Energy meter results being looked at.

Social Report -

Lions Tour – 3/7/21 – 7/8/21

Euros (Football) – June 11 – July 11

July 17th – Private Party

August 30th – Children's Party

Sep 25th Evening – 40th Birthday Party

Dec 18th – Club Xmas Event - Elvis Tribute Evening

June 11th 2022 – Wedding Party

Systems/Operations –

Kiosk has been put back up.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CL has been investigating solar panels. He's found a company who will provide a quote for replacing the roof and putting solar strips in. CL enquired whether he could get a free quote for the work which committee were happy with.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 5th July 2021.
The meeting closed at 21:13.

Joanne Preston

Tring Squash Club Secretary